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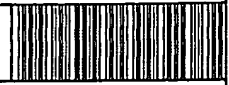
Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 28, 2001
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) ☐ Other: _____

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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-9³ are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Batchelder (3,257,678) in view of Johnson (2,346,219)

Batchelder relates to an adhesive tape loop formed from an adhesive strip of foldable material (figure-2). The loop comprises at least three panels having a common edge with respect to each other and includes a base panel and two foldover panels. The adhesive is pressure sensitive adhesive. The panels are separated by hinge portions at the fold. The width of the base panel is wider than each of the foldover panels and the sum of the two foldover panel width is greater than the base panel (figures 6 and 7). The panels are folded such that the two foldover panels overlap each other and the entire outer surface of the looped structure has adhesive. However, Batchelder fails to teach that the hinge portions is provided with a line of perforation. Johnson discloses a roll of adhesive having hinged line of perforation provided along its length and positioned spaced-apart to facilitate foldability and tearability therealong. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to utilize Johnson's teaching of using hinge comprising perforated line in the invention of Batchelder for facilitating folding of each panel along said line of perforation.

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With regard to claim 2, Batchelder teaches that the width of base panel and one of the foldover panel are substantially same, while the other foldover panel is lesser in width than the other two panels (fig-6).

While Batchelder also reads on claim 3 in that the base panel width is greater than one of the foldover panel and less than the other foldover panel (fig-8).

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 2 and 3, lines 15 and 15, respectively, the phrase “predefined with” is found to be confusing. It appears to be a typographical error in that “with” should be—width--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 703 308-4424. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM..

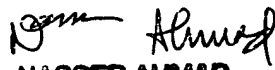
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 703 308-4251. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 872-9310 for regular communications and 703 872-9310 for After Final communications.

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